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OUR GIGANTIC CLOTHING PURCHASE FROM BENEDICT & CO., OF MILWAUKEE OF 10,000 MEN'S and BOYS' SUITS at 40c on the DOLLAR

has caused the greatest sensation in the clothing trade. It is creating the greatest sale in the clothing line and is making us a special friend out of every purchaser. Be sure to buy one of these suits tomorrow. The entire purchase of men's suits go on sale in six lots, Saturday:



\$5 Men's Suits, \$2.98

Lot No. 1—Five styles

Men's Suits

in black and blue cheviot and neat small plaids, go at

\$2.98

\$7.50 Men's Suits \$3.98

25 styles of Benedict's

All Wool Cheviot and Cassimere Suits

good strong lining, well made throughout, all sizes, go at

\$3.98

\$10 Men's Suits, \$4.98

30 styles of Benedict's

Strictly All Wool Suits

in plain and fancy mixtures, all the most desirable styles, well made garments, at

\$4.98

\$15 Men's Suits, \$6.98

Benedict's choice

Cheviot Mixed, Tweeds Checks and Plaids and Cassimere Suits,

also Clay Worsted Suits, lined and trimmed as well as any \$15 suit, go tomorrow at

\$6.98

\$17.50 Men's Suits, \$9.98

Benedict's elegant serge, cheviot, unfinished worsted, cassimere and checked and plaid, Scotch mixture

Suits

150 Different Styles elegantly lined, perfect fitting garments at

\$9.98

\$20 Men's Suits, \$12.50

Benedict's

Custom Tailor Suits

of the finest imported worsteds, Scotch cheviots and silk lined suits, perfect tailor work, go at

\$12.50



BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS. MEN'S PANTS AND MEN'S SPRING OVERCOATS

Boys' long pants 3-piece
Fine Wool Suits
In grays, blues, blacks, chevils and cassimeres that sold at wholesale at \$4.50, go at

\$2.50

Boys' and young men's **All Wool Suits** in solid colors and fancy cassimeres and chevils, ages 12 to 19 years—sold at wholesale at \$6.00—go at

\$3.98

Fine nobby **All Wool Suits** for boys from 15 to 20 years old—that sold at wholesale at \$7.50, go at

\$4.98

Finest and highest grade **Imported worsted & young men's suits**. No nobbler suits ever shown—many of them silk and satin lined, at

\$7.50

All the men's \$5 light and dark colored
SPRING OVERCOATS

\$2.98

All the men's \$10 Clay Worsted black and gray
SPRING OVERCOATS

\$4.98

All the satin lined \$15.00 covert cloth
SPRING OVERCOATS

\$7.50

All the boys' \$2.00
KNEE PANT SUITS ages 4 to 14,

98c

All the boys' \$2.50
Vestee and Knee Pant Suits 4 to 15 years

\$1.25

All the boys' \$3.50 and \$4 nobby
Vestee Suits and combination suits with two pairs pants,

\$1.98

Your choice of the finest and highest grade
Knee Pant Suits of this purchase go at

\$2.50 Worth \$5.

All the new \$3.00
All Wool Pants go at

\$1.49

All the \$3.50 men's fine
All Wool Pants go at

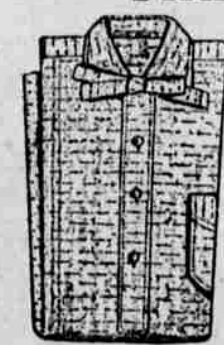
\$1.75

Your choice of the finest black and fancy worsted
MEN'S PANTS Worth \$5.

\$2.50

ALL THE

WET MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS FROM THE STEAMER "CITY OF MACON" ON SALE SATURDAY



All the men's **Colored Shirts** that became very wet, go at

15c

All the men's **Colored Laundered Shirts** only slightly soiled

25c

All the men's **White Laundered Shirts** and fancy colored shirts

50c

WET SWEATERS \$1.50 men's all wool
Sweaters slightly wet

50c

Boys' dollar all wool
Sweaters slightly wet

25c

Men's 75c all wool Bicycle fancy
Hose and Golf Hose

15c

Men's imported 25c fancy check
Socks

10c

All the men's
Collars and Cuffs all shapes and sizes

2 1/2c

All the men's 25c colored bordered and silk initial
Handkerchiefs

7 1/2c

All the finest
Men's Und'rwear from this purchase—

50c

All the men's fine
Balbriggan Underwear slightly soiled

25c

All the wet and damaged
Underwear in this purchase

15c



EUROPEAN POWERS COMBINE

Signs of a Coalition Against England and United States.

HAVE FEARS OF AMERICAN AGGRESSION

St. James Gazette Warns England to Prepare for a Struggle Which May Have Momentous Consequences.

LONDON, May 12.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon says: "Important signs of the uneasiness of Europe, of its fear of anarchy at home and aggression abroad are reflected in London financial circles. Russia is raising a loan of £20,000,000, and more significant still, is raising it in Germany. The Bank of England is directing its energies to the accumulation of a gold reserve, an action without precedent. Japan, not content with the vast sum it received from China on Saturday, is preparing for a fresh loan of £15,000,000. The rapprochement between Germany and Russia and Austria is very marked."

All this, the St. James Gazette believes, portends a combination against America and Great Britain as well as a universal regard as forming part of this transatlantic aggression on Europe," and the article warns Great Britain to "prepare for a struggle which may involve the most important events since the fall of Napoleon."

In conclusion, the St. James Gazette remarks: "Europe believes America is trying her strength on Spain and that her inevitable victory will be followed by similar acts of aggression towards other powers with interests in the Atlantic and in the Pacific."

GERMANY MAY HAVE A CLAIM

Proposes to Demand a Share of the Fruits of Dewey's Victory at Manila.

LONDON, May 12.—There are unmistakable signs that the continental powers have already taken steps to share in the fruits of the American victory at Manila. Germany has intimated to the United States, it is said here, that it expects to have a voice in the disposition of the Philippine islands, basing its claim on German interests in the islands. The diplomats who are in a position to know the facts in the case credit the report that Germany may demand exclusive control of Samoa as the price of her acquiescence to American sovereignty over the Philippine islands. Or, as an alternative, Germany may demand one or more of the Philippine islands, including a harbor, suitable for a coal supply depot, in Hawaii, which promises to add to the complications.

Reports a Spanish Victory.

HAVANA, May 12.—Four American vessels opened fire on Cienfuegos Wednesday morning and attempted to land men and arms in barges. The Spanish troops, assisted by the fort, drove off the invaders. The American guns destroyed the cable station. A second attempt to land was also frustrated. The fighting continued for

DEFINING THE KITCHEN WILL

Judge Scott Sets Aside a Decree and Makes Another Order for the Executor's Guidance.

The suit brought in the district court to set aside the decree entered by Judge Ambrose in January, 1896, in the matter of the estate of Richard Kitchen, deceased, has been disposed of by Judge Scott of the equity court, who has nullified the order, finding that there was fraud perpetrated in securing the decree.

Years ago Richard Kitchen and J. B. Kitchen were the joint owners of the Paxton hotel in this city. On June 29, 1890, Richard Kitchen died, leaving a will in which his brother, J. B. Kitchen, was named as the executor. By the terms of this will, Richard Kitchen bequeathed to the two children of Mrs. Whelan the sum of \$20,000, to be divided equally between them. The will provided that the payment should be made within three years, and that in settling with the children, the executor should be allowed to use his own judgment as to whether the payments should be in cash or hotel stock. After the three years had elapsed, the executor sought to pay the children, deciding that he would turn over stock instead of cash. In court it was shown that the property was mortgaged for \$40,000, and that this indebtedness had not been paid off as provided under the terms of the will. The case was adjudicated along this line and a decree entered, from which the attorneys for the children appealed. The case then went before Judge Ambrose and he sustained the findings of the probate court. Again the attorneys for the children went into court and demanded relief. Through their attorney they asked for a rehearing, which was granted. It was this rehearing that was disposed of by Judge Scott, who found for the plaintiff on all of the allegations alleged. The case will go to the supreme court.

WHEAT CROP TOTAL FAILURE

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys in California Will Not Raise Enough for Seed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Reports from Associated Press correspondents in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, the great wheat growing sections of the state, say that the wheat crop this year will be almost a total failure in California. In Sacramento and adjoining counties the outlook is decidedly gloomy. Wheat has not yet headed and most of it will be cut for hay. There is a general belief that there will not be enough wheat this year for seed. Enormous quantities of corn are being brought from Nebraska and Kansas to feed stock. Advice from Stockton state that not more than 10,000 tons of wheat will be harvested this year. The normal yield is from 100,000 to 125,000 tons. In Fresno and adjoining counties the wheat crop is regarded as a total loss.

Canadian Troops for Yukon.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 12.—Two hundred Canadian troops have arrived here on their way to Alaska to assist the mounted police in protecting the Yukon country. They will leave next Saturday via the Sitikene river route.

CONTRACTS TO HAUL TROOPS

Business to the South Divided Among Various Roads.

PORTION OF THEM PASS THROUGH OMAHA

No Instructions Yet Received by Quartermaster to Engage Transportation for Those Who Go West.

The transportation of a portion of the militia of four states, now regularly mustered into the service of the United States army, to Camp George H. Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Ga., was arranged for at a meeting of the passenger officials of all interested lines with Captain Samuel R. Jones, acting quartermaster of the Department of the Missouri, U. S. A., at army headquarters yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The troops ordered to move to Chickamauga as soon as they are fully equipped and the route of whose movement has just been determined, are as follows: Nebraska, one regiment of infantry; Kansas, one regiment of infantry; Missouri, two regiments of infantry and one battery of light artillery. The letter containing the authority of the War department to Captain Jones to make transportation arrangements for this movement was received at department headquarters on Wednesday. It was sent out under the date of May 8. The railroad companies were notified at once, bids submitted and the awards made at this morning's meeting. The transportation in all cases is among the various lines, thus assuring the troops of a most prompt movement than if one company had secured all or nearly all of the business.

Where They Will Go.

The regimental headquarters and one battalion of that regiment will be sent from Lincoln to St. Louis over the Burlington route. From St. Louis to Chickamauga the route will be over the Louisville & Nashville railroad, as it will be for the bulk of the movement. The second battalion of the Nebraska regiment that is to be sent south will travel over the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific from Lincoln to Omaha, to Chicago, and south from Chicago. The third battalion will go over the Elkhorn from Lincoln to Missouri Valley, and from there to Chicago over the Chicago & Northwestern railway.

Headquarters of the one Iowa regiment of infantry and one battalion will go from Des Moines to St. Louis over the Washburn.

The second battalion will travel from Des Moines to Chicago over the Northwestern. The third battalion will go over the Rock Island road to Chicago.

The Missouri troops, two regiments of infantry and one battery of light artillery, will go from Jefferson barracks to St. Louis over the Missouri Pacific and from St. Louis to Chickamauga park over the Louisville & Nashville.

The Kansas troops, stationed at Leavenworth, will be moved by the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington roads. Two battalions and the regimental headquarters will be hauled by the Missouri Pacific from Leavenworth to St. Louis.

OMAHA'S POPULATION GROWS

Postoffice Experience Shows More People Here Than Ever—Exposition Mail Arrangements.

"I believe there are more people in Omaha today than ever before in the history of the city," said Assistant Postmaster Woodward yesterday. "The postoffice is the best index of the growth or decline of population, and there are now more names on our list than we had in the palmiest days of the boom. We are adding from 150 to 200 new names per day, which represents but a fair percentage of the total influx. We are already pushed to keep up and must soon have additions to the force."

Mr. Woodward had just returned from the exposition, and reports that arrangements for the branch there are about completed. It will be a thoroughly equipped and complete postoffice, with register and money-order departments and five carriers. The postmaster has not been chosen, but will be taken from the city office.

Word came from Washington that the exposition stamps will be ready in a very few days. Many orders for them are already on file at the postoffice.

Denver Man Goes Insane.

Moses Howe, a business man of Denver who was returning to Denver from an eastern trip, became insane last night on a Northwestern train between Chicago and Omaha and was taken from the train at Omaha and put in charge of officers. His brother with him and hopes that the attack of insanity may be only temporary. Mr. Howe was engaged in a lawsuit back east which bore very heavily on his mind, and although he won the suit, the strain was too great for him to endure.

Notes from the Courts.

So far as the district court is concerned the suit of Kingman & Co. against the Burlington road is at an end, the plaintiff having dismissed its action. The plaintiff sought to restrain the grading of the alley on the south side of the depot, which was granted after the grade had been completed. The petition for the probate of the will of the late Ben S. Adams has been filed for probate. The property consists of personal and real estate. The former is valued at \$2,000, while the latter is not scheduled.

Smith Releated Arrest.

About noon yesterday Louis Smith, colored, had some trouble with an Italian candy seller at the corner of Twelfth and Douglas streets and an officer was called. The Italian accused Smith of stealing some candy and claimed that Smith had taken possession of his stand. Officer Renfrow came to settle the trouble, and Smith resisted being put under arrest and made quite a fight before he gave in. He is in jail charged with larceny and with assaulting and resisting an officer.

CONTRACTORS TAKE BONDS

Arrangements Made in Anticipation of a Fluke Are Carried Out.

CLEVELAND BIDDERS BACK OUT AGAIN

W. J. Hayes & Sons Send Their Customers Notice and the Finance Committee Takes Immediate Steps to Close the Deal.

City Treasurer Edwards received a letter from W. J. Hayes & Sons yesterday conveying the anticipated information that owing to some question that their attorneys had raised in regard to the bonded indebtedness of the city, etc., they would be unable to take the paying bonds on which they had submitted a bid. As it had never been expected that this firm would accept the bonds, the information does not interfere in any way with the plans that have been made for disposing of them. When the bonds were awarded to any bid from Hayes & Sons, but it was urged on this occasion that if an offer of a premium was turned down and the bonds sold at par to the contractors people who were not familiar with Hayes & Sons might allege that there was a scheme on foot to favor the contractors. Consequently it was decided to award the bonds to Hayes & Sons, but the arrangements to turn them over to the contractors were made just before the contractors people learned of the sale. The result justified the expectations of the city officials, and now that Hayes & Sons have performed their usual fluke the bonds will immediately be taken by the contractors and the bond buyers' combine will be knocked out of the box for the present.

Chairman Burley of the finance committee of the council had a conference with Mayor Moore, after which the propositions of the contractors were turned over to Assistant City Attorney Scott, who will formulate such further action as may be required to complete the arrangement between the contractors and the city. As soon as this is ready, the mayor will call a special meeting of the council, at which the agreement will be approved, and that will end the difficulty. The contractors will proceed to push the paving with all possible speed, and as fast as their estimates are city up and approved they will be paid in bonds.

Councilman Burley says that as far as he is concerned he is very well satisfied that Hayes & Sons did not take the bonds. He thinks that the sale to the contractors will have a tendency to teach the brokers, that they cannot always bounce the city, and that while in this case the city does not get a premium on the bonds, nothing will be lost by the transaction in the end. He thinks the investment is a profitable one for the contractors, but is nevertheless inclined to think that in taking the bonds the contractors have done the handiwork thing, as under the existing conditions they could not

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Exposition Wiring May Be Done Without Payment of Usual Fees.

A proposition in the matter of electric wiring was made to the exposition management at a special meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon. A resolution was introduced by Mercer that the city electrician be directed to issue to the exposition directory such permits as are required by ordinance for wiring the buildings and grounds of the exposition without the usual fees for such permits, it being understood that the privilege does not extend to the buildings of concessionaires.

A proposition from Hugh Murphy was favorably acted upon offering to purchase bonds on street improvement districts and also intersection bonds to the amount of \$28,000, the former to bear 4 1/2 per cent interest and the latter 4 per cent.

A communication was received from the Board of Public Works stating that in pursuance of an arrangement between the city and property owners bids had been invited for the removal of five houses in lot 5, block 221, during the progress of certain grading. Two bids were received, the lower from Anton Kment in the amount of \$600. An opinion was obtained from City Engineer Rosewater, however, that under ordinary circumstances the work could be done for about \$425, and that being the prevailing opinion, on motion of Burley, the bids were rejected and further negotiations ordered.

An adjournment was made until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Cleaning the Market Place.

There has been some complaint recently that the pavements in the vicinity of the market place were not kept sufficiently clean and City Engineer Rosewater has arranged to remedy the trouble. The street department has secured 250 feet of hose and after today a force of men will be detailed to flush the pavements in the market district every other day. This will keep them as clean as could possibly be desired and it is thought that it is the easiest and cheapest way of doing it.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births—D. A. Lake, 3033 Decatur street, girl; Joseph Datch, 2101 Sprague, boy; William Hamilton, 3106 Maple, girl; John E. Van Dorn, 2215 Leavenworth, boy; J. A. Hannan, 610 Seventeenth avenue, boy; John Quick, 708 South Sixteenth, girl.

Deaths—No deaths reported.

Nobles Mystic Shrine.

The potentate of Tangle temple announces that the gates of the temple will be thrown open this evening and many ungenerates will be initiated into the mysteries. This will be an extraordinary celebration, for Kansas will break bread, eat salt and drink wine with other well known masons than its own, who will travel from afar to join the caravan. Ancient ceremonies and modern innovations will be introduced, while the sands are burning and the pilgrims are starting. Visiting nobles are invited.

Mans of Cuba at The Bee office—Omaha—Council Bluffs or South Omaha. Cut a coupon from page 2. Address Cuban map dept.